

The Facts: Respiratory Protection



Where respiratory hazards cannot be eliminated through other methods, Clemson University employees and students will use respiratory protection to further reduce exposure to a safe level. Prior to respirator use, Clemson University employees and students will be medically cleared, trained, and fit tested on the specific respirator(s) they will be using.

Respirator

A respirator is a protective facepiece, hood or helmet designed to protect the wearer against respiratory hazards.



***N95 are a type of respirator**



If your job may require the use of a respirator, including a N95, to protect yourself from respiratory hazards, you need to contact **Occupational and Environmental Safety (OES)** for a hazard assessment.

The following steps provide guidance for the university's Respiratory Protection Program.

Respiratory Protection Program

STEP 1: ASSESSMENT REQUEST FORM

Complete the online Respiratory Protection Assessment Request Form.

OES will review your work practices, SDS, and air monitoring data to determine if respiratory protection is needed.

If respiratory protection is not required

VOLUNTARY USE OF RESPIRATORS

If OES determines your task(s) does not require respiratory protection, but you want to use a **N95** for comfort reasons, you must fill out the Voluntary Use Form and send it to Tanner Finney for recordkeeping.

*Only for N95 mask, not applicable to other respirators.

STEP 2: MEDICAL FORMS

If OES determines Respiratory Protection is needed, you must be enrolled in the Clemson University Medical Surveillance Program.


Complete and email the MSP Enrollment and Respiratory Protection- Medical Clearance forms to: ClemsonMSP@clemson.edu for review.

STEP 3: RESPIRATOR TRAINING

Complete the respiratory protection training regarding the proper use and hazards of respirators prior to performing any work requiring a respirator. This can be completed on SciShield here.

STEP 4: FIT TEST APPOINTMENT

After your medical clearance and training have been completed, send email to Tanner Finney to schedule a quantitative respiratory fit test.

 For more info about Respiratory Protection please visit, 1910.134 - Respiratory protection